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President Castillo today inquired whether Department could encourage Salvador "extradite" Alfonso Martinez and "one or two others". He said Guatemala has lived up to its international obligations and now expects Salvador do likewise.

Later I learned from Under Secretary Foreign Affairs that while several requests for provisional arrest have been made in no case has necessary documentation been completed and presented. Assume representations, if any, to Salvador by US would be along line prompt arrest Martinez desirable when requested by Guatemala.

Under Secretary expressed opinion it would be better for government to concentrate on relatively few cases where good evidence exists common crimes rather than continue disperse efforts on large number cases. Believe this is sound approach, especially view 90-day limit and importance establishing strong prima facie case. This need not prejudice completion preparation other cases later if deemed feasible.

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